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DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions -- January, 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Av. price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at plants February 1
	Change 1944 from 1943	Change 1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		
			1944	1943	1944	1943	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cents per pound</u>				<u>Percent</u>
No. Atlantic	- 14	- 39	Prices omitted be-				- 17
E.No.Central	- 62	- 74	cause of inability				- 61
W.No.Central	- 47	- 34	to obtain sufficient				- 87
West	- 24	- 21	data for accurate re-				- 67
			gional determination.				
UNITED STATES	<u>1/</u> - 34	- 39	20.6	15.6	22.8	18.4	<u>2/</u> - 46

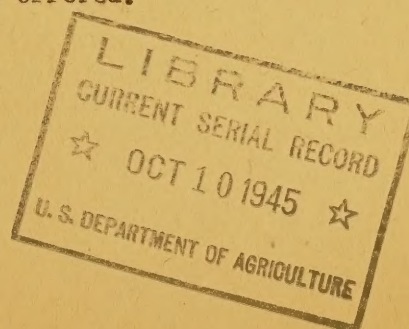
1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein January, 1944 -- 783,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers Feb.1,1944--4,600,00 lbs.

The January production of dried casein totaled 783,000 pounds, according to an estimate of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Economics. This is a decline of 34 percent from the production of January last year, 74 percent from January, 1942, and the smallest January production since 1923. Compared with December, however, there was a seasonal increase of 263,000 pounds whereas a year earlier there was little change between the December and January production.

Shipments of casein by driers in January were generally in line with production the total for the month showing a decrease of 39 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by driers on February 1 totaled 4,600,00 pounds. These stocks were not greatly different from those of a month earlier, but were 46 percent smaller than those of the same date last year. Domestic stocks continue to be made up largely of imported casein.

Current prices of casein are holding steady, with the January averages on both ground and unground being about .2 of a cent per pound lower than the December averages. This small drop was primarily the result of variations in the quantities of casein sold at different price levels rather than to any weakness in the demand. Market reports indicate that demand continues steady and strong and is readily absorbing all supplies offered.



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DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions -- February 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at plants March 1
	Change 1944 from 1943	Change 1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		
			1944	1943	1944	1943	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cents per pound</u>				<u>Percent</u>
No. Atlantic	0	+ 275	Prices omitted because of				+ 17
E.No.Central	- 57	- 42	inability to obtain suffi-				- 17
W.No.Central	- 46	- 78	cient data for accurate				- 87
West	- 1	+ 199	regional determination.				- 77
UNITED STATES	<u>1/</u> - 23	+ 119	20.5	16.0	23.5	19.6	<u>2/</u> - 24

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein February 1944 -- 929,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers March 1, 1944 -- 5,100,000 lbs

Production of dried casein in February totaled 929,000 pounds, according to an estimate of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. While this represents an increase of nearly 19 percent, compared with the January production, it is 23 percent under that of February 1943, 73 percent lower than in February 1942, and is the smallest production for the month since 1923.

Shipments of casein by driers increased sharply during February, and were 119 percent above a year earlier. This sharp increase was due chiefly to the fact that during the last several months some of the larger casein companies have built up their stocks through the importation of casein from Argentina, and are now distributing most additional importation through their regular sales channels. Stocks held by driers on March 1 are estimated at 5,100,000 pounds, an increase of one-half million pounds from a month earlier, but 24 percent less than on March 1 last year. Stocks continue to be made up largely of imported casein.

Prices of casein are holding steady, but continue somewhat higher than a year ago. Sales of unground casein, F. O. B. the drying plants, brought an average of 20.5 cents per pound during February -- down slightly from last month, but 4.5 cents higher than in February last year. Ground casein averaged 23.5 cents per pound, up 0.7 cent from January and up about 4 cents from the February 1943 level.

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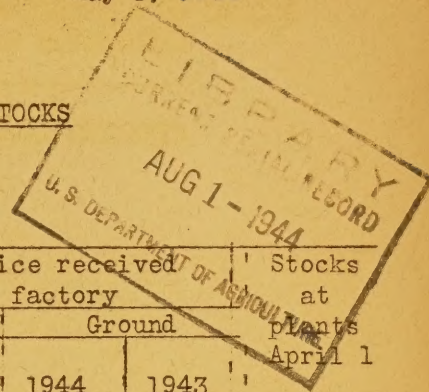
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May 3, 1944

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions -- March 1944



Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at April 1
			Unground		Ground		
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	
	Percent	Percent	Cents per pound				Percent
No. Atlantic	+ 1	- 9	Prices omitted because of inability to obtain sufficient data for accurate regional determination.				+ 30
E. No. Central	-49	-60					+ 20
W. No. Central	- 8	-69					- 65
West	- 2	+293					- 82
UNITED STATES	1/ -14	+116	20.7	15.7	24.3	19.7	2/- 18

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein March 1944 -- 1,345,000 pounds

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers April 1, 1944 -- 5,300,000 lb.

Domestic production of dried casein is increasing seasonally but it continues to be less than a year earlier. Prices are holding firm to slightly higher, while stocks are rising slowly. Trade advices indicate that paper coaters will probably be allocated 26 million pounds of casein in 1944, an increase of 5 million pounds over last year.

The March production of dried casein was estimated at 1,345,000 pounds, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. This is a seasonal increase of 45 percent compared with the February output, but it is 14 percent less than in March 1943, and the lowest production for that month in 20 years of record. Production has been less than a year earlier each month since June 1942.

Shipments by driers were sharply higher during March, compared with a year earlier, but the increase was due to a sharp rise in the Western States. In other areas shipments were under those of March 1943. Stocks held by driers on April 1 are estimated at 5,300,000 pounds, an increase of 200,000 pounds from a month earlier, but 18 percent less than on April 1, 1943. Reported stocks probably include some imported casein. However, stocks held by driers increased 18 percent during the first 3 months of 1944 whereas last year for the corresponding period they declined 28 percent.

Prices of casein are firm and higher than a year ago. Sales of unground casein, f.o.b. the factory, averaged 20.7 cents per pound during March, up slightly from the February average of 20.5 cents and up sharply from the 15.7 cents in March last year. Ground casein averaged 24.3 cents per pound, as against 23.5 cents in February and 19.7 cents in March 1943.

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July 3, 1944

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions -- May, 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Av. price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at plants June 1.
	Change 1944 from 1943	Change 1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		
			1944	1943	1944	1943	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cents per pound</u>				<u>Percent</u>
No. Atlantic	-20	+98	Prices omitted because				+59
E. No. Central	-47	-16	of inability to obtain				+20
W. No. Central	+30	+65	sufficient data for				+40
West	+3	-47	accurate regional determination				+39
UNITED STATES	1/ -15	+18	20.0	17.3	23.5	19.4	2/ +43

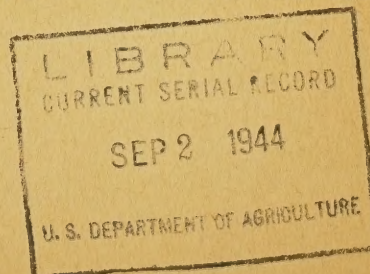
1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein May, 1944 -- 2,295,000 pounds. Revised estimate of production for May 1943 -- 2,700,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers June 1, 1944 -- 5,800,000 lbs.

Production of dried casein totaled 2,295,000 pounds during May, according to an estimate of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. While this is a seasonal increase of 34 percent compared with the April production of 1,710,000 pounds, it is 15 percent below the revised May 1943 production of 2,700,000 pounds and it is the lowest May output since 1926. The 5-year (1938-42) average May production was 5,948,000 pounds. Casein output began to decline in mid-1942 and production each month since then has been smaller than in the comparable month a year earlier.

Shipments by driers increased sharply during May. In April, shipments were 50 percent lower than a year earlier but during May they were 18 percent larger. Most of the increase occurred in the North Atlantic and West North Central States where shipments were sharply higher than a year earlier. June 1 stocks held by driers, estimated at 5,800,000 pounds, were 43 percent larger than on that date last year.

Prices of casein declined slightly during May but continue to be higher than a year ago. Unground casein averaged 20.0 cents per pound F.O.B. the factory, during May, a decline of nearly a cent from the April average, but was higher than the May 1943 average of 17.3 cents per pound. Ground casein averaged 23.5 cents per pound in May, a decline of one half cent from the April price but more than 4 cents over the May 1943 average of 19.4 cents per pound.



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August 3, 1944

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions — June 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at
			Unground		Ground		Plants
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	July 1
	Percent	Percent	Cents per pound				Percent
No. Atlantic	-14	+39	Prices omitted because of inability to obtain suffi- cient data for accurate regional determination.				+38
E.No. Central	-46	-40					-13
W.No. Central	-21	+76					-40
West	+13	-25					+27
UNITED STATES	1/ -19	+ 1	19.00	17.8	23.00	20.7	2/+12

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein June 1944 — 2,987,000 pounds.

Preliminary enumeration for June 1943 — 3,686,000.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers July 1, 1944 — 6,010,000 lbs

Although the production of casein continues to run behind that of a year earlier, the supply situation in June and early July appeared to be somewhat easier. Stocks of casein held by driers showed some tendency to increase through June, due in part to seasonal increase in production and in part to fairly liberal imports from Argentina. According to the War Food Administration, further liberal imports through July and August were anticipated, with the total for the two months expected to range between 6 and 7 million pounds.

Domestic casein production in June is estimated at 2,987,000 pounds, an increase of around 30 percent over the May production but 19 percent smaller than the June production of last year. It was also the smallest June production since 1933. The decline from a year earlier was particularly sharp in the East North Central and the West North Central States, with the first group of states showing a decrease of 46 percent and the second 21 percent. Production in the West Coast States was higher than a year earlier by 13 percent—the only region to show increased production. For the first six months of 1944, casein production is estimated at 10,049,000 pounds, a decrease of 12 percent under the production of the corresponding period last year.

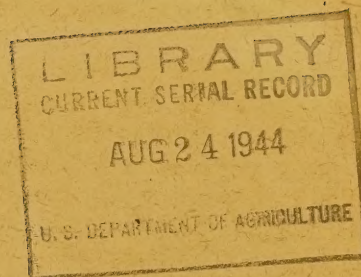
Stocks of casein held by driers on July 1 totaled 6,010,000 pounds, a gain of 210,000 pounds over the June 1 stocks of this year and 670,000 pounds, or 13 percent over the June 1 stocks of last year. Current stocks, however, are considerably short of the unusual heavy stocks of 1942, when the July 1 holdings totaled 14,741,000 pounds.

Prices of casein edged off slightly in June. The average reported by driers for casein sold during June was 19 cents per pound for unground casein and 23 cents for ground casein. These averages represent a drop of 1 cent per pound from the May average for unground casein and 1/2 cent per pound for ground casein. They were, however, higher than the average June prices for last year, by 1.2 cent per pound for unground casein and by 2.3 cents per pound for ground casein.

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DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions - July 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at Plants Aug. 1
			Unground		Ground		
			1944	1943	1944	1943	
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943					
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cents per pound</u>				<u>Percent</u>
No. Atlantic	-15	+95	Prices omitted because of inability to obtain suffi- cient data for accurate regional determination.				+60
E.No.Central	-37	-50					+15
W.No.Central	-25	+ 4					-59
West	-20	-69					+74
UNITED STATES	1/ -24	- 9	18.0	20.8	21.0	23.0	2/+35

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein July 1944 -- 1,760,000 pounds. Preliminary enumeration for July 1943 -- 2,319,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers August 1, 1944 -- 6,750,000 lbs.

Domestic production of casein declined seasonally during July and continues to be lower than that of a year earlier. Stocks of casein held by driers on August 1 were larger than a year earlier but not as large as on that date in 1942. Prices declined during July, according to reports received by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from casein manufacturers.

Domestic production of casein during July, estimated at 1,760,000 pounds, was 41 percent lower than in June, 24 percent less than the output during July 1943, and the smallest July production since 1925. Compared with a year earlier, output was reduced in all geographic regions, ranging from 15 percent in the North Atlantic States to 37 percent in the East North Central States. In some areas little interest in casein manufacture has been shown because of declining prices. Trade estimates as to importation permits granted for the last four months of 1944 ranged between 4,000 and 6,000 tons.

Stocks of casein held by driers on August 1 were estimated at 6,750,000 pounds, a gain of 740,000 pounds, compared with July 1, and 35 percent more than stocks on hand on August 1 last year. Present stocks, however, are considerably less than in 1942 and they probably include some imported casein. Shipments of casein by driers were 9 percent less during July than in that month last year.

For the first time since February 1943 prices of casein were reported to be at a lower level than a year earlier. Sales of unground casein averaged 18.0 cents per pound, f.o.b. the factory, during July, down 1 cent per pound from the June average. This compares with 20.8 cents per pound in July last year. Ground casein averaged 21 cents per pound during July, compared with 23 cents in both June 1944 and July 1943. While prices of casein declined between 1 and 2 cents per pound in July this year, a year earlier prices increased between 2 and 3 cents per pound.

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October 4, 1944

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS

By Regions -- August 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at Plants Sept. 1
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		
			1944	1943	1944	1943	
	Percent	Percent	Cents per pound				Percent
No. Atlantic	-18	+19	Prices omitted because of inability to obtain suffi- cient data for accurate regional determination.				+119
E.No. Central	-44	-14					+ 66
W.No. Central	-13	-80					- 9
West	-21	+ 3					+ 98
UNITED STATES	1/ -23	- 1	18.8	20.9	22.5	21.8	2/+ 90

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein August 1944 -- 1,100,000 pounds.
Preliminary enumeration for August 1943 -- 1,437,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers September 1, 1944--5,800,000 pounds.

Domestic production of casein continues to decline seasonally. Production during August, estimated at 1,100,000 pounds, was 38 percent lower than in July and 23 percent below the August 1943 output of 1,437,000 pounds. The August rate of production was the lowest for that month in more than 20 years of record. Compared with a year earlier, the August production was lower in all geographic regions, the decline ranging from 13 percent in the West North Central area to 44 percent in the East North Central States.

Stocks of casein held by driers on September 1 were estimated at 5,800,000 pounds compared with 6,750,000 pounds a month earlier, and 3,255,000 pounds a year earlier. These stocks probably include some imported casein. On September 1, 1943, stocks were at a low level and, while present stocks are considerably heavier, they are not as large as on September 1 in other recent years. Shipments by driers during August were about 1 percent less than in that month last year. According to the Office of Distribution, imports of Argentine Casein totaled 1,663 tons during August

Prices of casein averaged a little higher during August than in July. Manufacturers reported an average of 18.8 cents per pound for unground casein sold, f.o.b. the factory, during August compared with 18.0 cents during July, and 20.9 cents during August 1943. Reported sales of ground casein averaged 22.5 cents per pound during August, up 1½ cents from the July average of 21 cents and 0.7 cent from the 21.8 cents average of August last year. These price increases compared with July probably were due partly to grade variations.



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December 2, 1944

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, PRICES, AND STOCKS
By Regions - October 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		Plants
			1944	1943	1944	1943	Nov. 1
	Percent	Percent	Cents per pound				Percent
No. Atlantic	-16	-29	Prices omitted because of inability to obtain suffi- cient data for accurate regional determination.				-22
E.No. Central	-81	-20					-25
W.No. Central	+ 4	+561					+61
West	-28	+ 7					- 7
UNITED STATES	1/-28	+14	20.0	21.2	22.3	23.0	2/-21

1/ Estimated U. S. Total production casein October 1944 -- 655,000 pounds.

Preliminary enumeration for October 1943 -- 909,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. Total stocks casein held by driers November 1, 1944--5,050,000 lbs.

Estimated at 655,000 pounds the October production of dried casein was seasonally less than the September production and was considerably less than that of a year earlier, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Compared with October last year it was 28 percent smaller, 77 percent smaller than the 5-year (1938-42) October average, and was the smallest October production since 1922.

October production was less than that of a year earlier in all of the principal geographic regions, with the exception of the West North Central States where it was 4 percent higher. In general, the decreases shown for October were smaller than those of September, and for the month averaged 4 percentage points less than the September average. Seasonally, the 17 percent drop in production from September to October was less than last year's corresponding decrease of 21 percent.

Shipments of casein by driers during October were 14 percent larger than those of October last year, but were down in comparison with those of September this year. A sharp gain in shipments over a year earlier was reported by the West North Central States, a small gain for the Western States, and decreases for the East North Central and North Atlantic States.

Stocks of casein held by driers on November 1 totaled 5,050,000 pounds, a decrease of 250,000 pounds from those of a month earlier, and 1,335,000 pounds or 21 percent from those of November 1 last year. Whereas, stocks of casein decreased by a quarter of a million pounds during October this year, during the same period last year they increased by almost $1\frac{1}{2}$ times. On November 1, stocks were less than those a year earlier in the North Atlantic, East North Central, and Western States. In the West North Central they were 61 percent larger.

Prices of casein, f.o.b. plant, edged up slightly during October on the unground. The average for the month, 20 cents per pound, was 0.5 cent per pound higher than the September average, but 1.2 cents per pound less than the October average last year. Ground casein, at 22.3 cents per pound averaged 0.6 cent per pound less than the September average and 0.7 cent per pound less than the October average last year.

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By Regions - November 1944

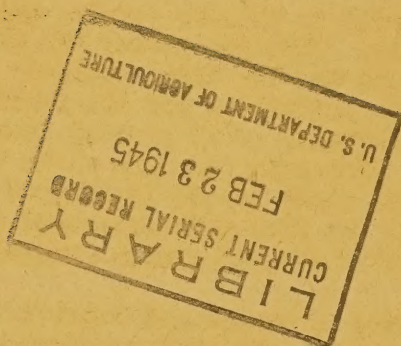
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	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	Unground		Ground		
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cents per pound</u>				<u>Percent</u>
No. Atlantic	+61	+49	Nov. 1944 prices omitted because data on prices in- sufficient for accurate determination.				-39
E. No. Central	-69	+43					-41
W. No. Central	-25	-10					+45
West	-37	-48					+ 3
UNITED STATES	<u>1/-21</u>	<u>-21</u>	21.5		23.4		<u>2/-36</u>

- 1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein November 1944 -- 410,000 pounds. Preliminary enumeration for November 1943 -- 519,000 pounds.
2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers Dec. 1, 1944 -- 4,032,000 lbs.

The production of casein in November 1944 dropped to 410,000 pounds, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today. This production was 21 percent smaller than the production of November 1943 and was the third smallest production of any month in the 22 years of record. Casein production for the first 11 months of 1944 is estimated at 14,759,000 pounds, a decrease of 17 percent from the production of the corresponding months of 1943. With only one more month to go, it appears that the 1944 production of casein will total around 15,150,000 pounds. This output is slightly less than one-third of the 1941 production and slightly less than one-fourth of the peak production of 67,467,000 pounds recorded for 1937.

Because of the sharp drop in domestic production of casein and imports not compensating fully for this loss, stocks of casein held by domestic producers continue to decline. On December 1, 1944 domestic driers held 4,032,000 pounds of casein, some of which was imported. During November stocks dropped around a million pounds, and on December 1 were over two million pounds or 36 percent smaller than those of a year earlier. Only on three other dates since records of stocks of casein held by driers became available in 1941, have smaller stocks than those of December 1, 1944 been reported. All of these were in 1943, one on May 1 when stocks totaled 3,040,000 pounds, the second on September 1 when stocks totaled 3,255,000 pounds, and the third on October 1 when they totaled 2,707,000 pounds.

In line with the smaller domestic output driers reported a 21 percent decrease from a year earlier in their November sales. Because of this and the lack of reports on prices it was necessary to omit all price data for November 1944.



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February 5, 1945

DRIED CASEIN
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, STOCKS

By Regions - December 1944

Regions	Production	Shipments	Average price received f.o.b. factory				Stocks at
	Change	Change	Unground		Ground		Plants
	1944 from 1943	1944 from 1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	Jan. 1
	Percent	Percent	Cents per pound				1945
			December 1944 prices				Percent
N. Atlantic	+24	-40	omitted because of				-24
E. N. Central	-72	-54	inability to obtain suffi-				-24
W. N. Central	+ 8	+91	cient data for accurat				-68
West	-26	+148	regional determination.				-41
UNITED STATES	17-15	+85	21.0		23.0		2/-26

1/ Estimated U. S. total production casein December 1944 -- 507,000 pounds.

Preliminary enumeration for December 1943 -- 596,000 pounds.

2/ Estimated U. S. total stocks casein held by driers January 1, 1945 -- 3,350,000lb.

Dried casein production during December 1944 was estimated at 507,000 pounds, the lowest production on record for the month, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Although December production registered a sharp seasonal gain from November, it was 15 percent below the same month in 1943. Compared with the 5-year (1938-42) December average production was down 79 percent.

By regions, production was 24 percent higher than a year earlier in the North Atlantic States and 8 percent higher in the West North Central States. Lower output was estimated for both the East North Central and Western States. At this season, a higher proportion of the Nation's total is produced in the West and the reduction in that area is largely responsible for the decline for the country as a whole.

Production for the year 1944 was 15,266,000 pounds, compared with 18,386,000 pounds during 1943, a decline of 17 percent. This is the lowest annual production since 1923, and reflects a more intensive use during 1944 of milk solids not fat for human consumption.

Shipments of casein by driers in the United States during December were sharply higher than a year earlier--up 85 percent. Marked declines were shown in the North Atlantic and East North Central areas following heavy shipments during November. A gain of 91 percent was shown in shipments for the West North Central area and 148 percent in the West.

Driers' stocks of casein on January 1, 1945, were much lower than on the corresponding date in 1944 in all regions, and for the Nation declined 26 percent. Decreases by regions were as follows: both the North Atlantic and East North Central States, 24 percent; West North Central States 68 percent; and the West 41 percent.

